



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County (Excused)
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County (Excused)
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative (Excused)
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nikole Zogg
Doug Doney
Patty Foster
Katrina Williams
Carol Julius
Brian Crawford

GUESTS: Jami Delmore, Cristina Froude, Dr. Clay Roscoe, Dr. Thomas Patterson, Jean Fitzgerald-Mutchie

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -- CHAIR

Chairman Bryan Elliott called the business meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Bryan Elliott asked for additional agenda items. There were no requested additions.

MOTION: Commissioner Dale moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present for the comment period.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 12/18/18 MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the meeting held January 29, 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Aberasturi moved to approve the January 29, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hanigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the special Board of Health meeting held February 6, 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Hanigan moved to approve the February 6, 2019 special Board of Health meeting minutes. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Patty Foster presented the January 2019 financial report. Patty explained that 58.33% was the target for January. Revenues were at almost 59 % and expenditures were at 50%. She explained that revenues are slightly higher than target due to the carryover funds from Parents as Teachers program and the \$200,000 payment from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW).

Patty pointed out that SWDH did receive \$75,000 from Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for the crisis center. Also, some personnel costs and expenditures related to the crisis center are beginning to come in.

Patty provided a concise, consolidated one-page budget report format that captures the most important items from the financial reports and provides a more readable format. She asked for feedback regarding the condensed format. Board members like the consolidated report and asked that if there are items out of the ordinary that budget detail be provided for those.

MEASLES UPDATE

Jami Delmore, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided Board members with an update on the measles outbreak in neighboring Washington State. Jami explained that an outbreak is defined as more than three cases. Currently, there are six outbreaks nationwide including New York, Washington, Texas. For 2018 there were 372 cases. So far for 2019 the case number totals 159 in the United States.

Jami explained that she has been coordinating with Ricky Bowman, SWDH Public Health Preparedness and Response Program Manager, to prepare some initial plans to respond to any active cases in the region SWDH serves. If an active case is found within a local school Jami expects the number of cases to spread quickly as this area has a high vaccination opt-out rate. Measles can be contagious up to four days before the patient develops a rash.

Board members discussed the effectiveness of the measles vaccination. Of the 66 cases in Clark County 57 of the affected individuals were not immunized. Six of them are unaware if they had immunizations. The measles vaccination is a two shot series. With one shot only the effectiveness is 93%. The two shot vaccination series is 97% effective.

GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK EVENT

Jami Delmore provided information on the upcoming Groundwater Awareness Week events. Southwest District Health will offer free nitrate screening for private spring/well owners on March 19, 2019 at each of its locations. National Groundwater Awareness Week is March 10-16. Jami explained that SWDH anticipates promoting the event with newspaper ads and social media posts.

Jami explained that following last year's screening in Payette a homeowner had a bright pink nitrate strip indicating extremely high nitrate levels. The confirmation test came back at over 32 mg per liter. 10 mg per liter is considered dangerous for babies. Over 20 mg per liter is not recommended for human consumption. A second sample tested at over 33 mg per liter.

CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

Cristina Froude updated Board members on the progress of the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center. The workgroup has met with Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation. Donations for furniture and items to help make the crisis center more welcoming are being sought.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEW CLINIC FEES

Patty Foster requested Board approval of new clinic fees. The clinic is requesting six new CPT codes and fees for skin biopsies ranging from \$85 to \$245 depending on the complexity. This is a new procedure

and these fees are new. Patty clarified that the new recommended method of setting fees was used to calculate these fees.

The clinic has also requested a non-invasive ear procedure to check for oxygen saturation for a \$15 charge.

MOTION: Commissioner Dale moved to accept the new clinic fees as presented. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (IDHW) BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Nikki Zogg presented a request on the behalf of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW). Dr. Roberge previously served on this board and following his retirement IDHW contacted Nikki to request recommendations for a board member to replace him. The board member does not need to be a medical doctor; however, some knowledge of medical or healthcare policies would be helpful. Board members discussed possible recommendations.

SOLID WASTE FEES DISCUSSION

Brian Crawford presented information on proposed solid waste fees. He presented a spreadsheet showing the three-year average of inspection fees to be approximately \$21,000 per year. He explained that the numbers on the spreadsheet take into account the risk factors for each tier.

Tier 1 – rural drop boxes

Tier 2 – transfer station manned facilities

Tier 3 – construction and demolition sites where wood waste and construction waste can be buried on site

Tier 4 – municipal sites such as Goodrich, Clay Peak, Pickles Butte

Brian explained that fees are not and cannot be taxes. The services in these areas have to be covered by the fees that the users pay. Commissioner Aberasturi raised some concern about the cost impact to Owyhee County. Board members discussed moving this forward and are in agreement that they support this fee so property tax dollars can be utilized for other health district services.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Commissioner Dale provided an update on the discussion at the Special Board of Health meeting held during the Idaho Association (IAC) conference in February. Following the Special meeting, the Executive Council voted with very specific language as proposed by Bill Leake to support the concept of this legislation. However, he explained there is concern about the language that restricts the health districts' abilities to restrict fees. Commissioner Dale volunteered to be present to testify. Other trustees were supportive of him going to the hearing to testify. Commissioner Dale explained to Board members that during his testimony he presented a brief history of the issues, the work done, the state Attorney General's opinion and stressed the key principle that government that is closest to the people works best. He asked the lawmakers to consider removing the language restricting the ability to set fees.

Secondly, Commissioner Dale explained that he stressed the fundamental question is why are state and local tax dollars subsidizing this one aspect of private industry. Taxpayers ask why their property tax dollars are subsidizing institutions like Albertson's, Brick 29, and Bardenay. Commissioner Dale has heard the argument that it is a tax payer safety issue. If this is true, should electrical and structural issues also be safety issues and be subsidized?

Subsequent to Commissioner Dale's testimony a food industry representative implied that they were totally unaware of the fees proposed. Food industry representatives were involved in the workgroup and discussions surrounding the proposed fees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Decision Unit Request

Nikki reported on her collaborative work with District 4, which was formed under the premise that as Medicaid contracts will be moving from fee for service to value based. District 3 and District 4 wanted to position themselves for this transition, bring their regional collaboratives together, and establish an infrastructure to strengthen partnerships, pool community resources, and focus energies on a few top priorities that can move the needle on community health. Initially, all districts were going to put forward fund a funding request to keep their collaboratives going. However, after delays in the Medicaid contract changes and the loss of SHIP funds, the other five districts decided to not pursue a funding request at this time. Other district directors supported the joint request of District 3 and District 4.

At the JFAC hearing to present the budget for the decision unit request Nikki reported that the request passed by two votes.

CLINIC UPDATE

Carol Julius, Clinics Administrator, and Clay Roscoe, Medical Director, provided an update on internal teams and clinic services. Carol provided Board members with a dashboard and explained the clinic staff is working on ways to increase volume of clients. The dashboard features include information on payer mix and capacity vs. utilization.

Carol explained that a clinic sustainability team within the clinics division has been formed. Staff have been split into six sections. These teams have helped to blend the group and some good ideas have been generated. A consultant will be onsite next week to look at fee optimization.

Clay Roscoe, MD, explained that there is some untapped loyalty amongst the Hispanic population. A lot of these individuals consider the health department their care provider.

In previous board meetings a potential collaboration with Family Medical Residency of Idaho (FMRI) has been discussed using a collaborative model with an academically focused healthcare entity. There have been additional meetings about this concept and the FMRI CEO is very interested in this collaborative opportunity. FMRI has applied for a grant through a letter of interest to the American Medical Association.

SPECIAL REPORT: ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Nikki introduced Dr. Thomas Patterson and Jean Fitzgerald-Mutchie who will present on the topic of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Nikki explained that SWDH is gearing up to revisit the strategic plan which currently focuses on unplanned pregnancy, hypertension, and diabetes. By addressing adverse childhood experiences, we can also affect unplanned pregnancy, hypertension, and diabetes. She also discussed the renewed community interest in the topic of ACEs. The regional collaborative that is being established with health districts 3 and 4 includes interest in this topic across different foundations and payers as well.

Adverse childhood experiences have a huge impact in our communities and are a huge cost. Many people have had experiences that medical providers are trying to treat with medicine. The solution is to start to treat the cause of the cause and help people develop psychological immunity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Bryan Elliott
Chairman

Dated: March 19, 2019